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**Subject:** RE: please review asap: draft response to exide concerns

Looks good! You could also offer for her to contact you if she is having trouble reaching others that you mention, I always offer that to folks when referring them elsewhere.

Thanks,

Adrienne

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**Subject:** please review asap: draft response to exide concerns

Hi Adrienne and Mariela,

Below is my draft response to Irene, who is concerned about lead contaminated soil due to Exide's activities. Please let me know today if there is any additional information that should be added to the response.

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Hi Irene,

Thank you very much for your patience as we consulted with our colleagues to gather information to address your concerns. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is overseeing the cleanup of lead-impacted soil in communities surrounding the Exide Technologies Battery Recycling Facility (Exide) in Vernon. **Cesar Campos** is the public engagement supervisor at DTSC and he is available to answer any questions you have about residential soil cleanup levels and the cleanup schedule. **His email address is [cesar.campos@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:cesar.campos@dtsc.ca.gov), office phone number is 818-717-6572, and cell phone number is 818-282-8389.**

DTSC's website has information about the residential cleanup. The website is [www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/Residential-Cleanup.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/Residential-Cleanup.cfm). News releases, factsheets, and DTSC's draft cleanup plan are available on the website for you to view and download. I skimmed through the draft cleanup plan and its associated news release to determine what cleanup level they are using for residential yards. It looks like DTSC is proposing to cleanup soil at residences, schools, daycare and childcare centers, and parks to a level not exceeding 80 ppm of lead. It would be best to discuss your questions and concerns with the cleanup level with Cesar.

I believe DTSC is working with the California Department of Public Health and local public health officials to address cases of elevated blood lead levels. Please ask Cesar about these efforts and what resources are available. In the meantime, there are some actions that you can take to protect your family from lead-contaminated soil, such as: preventing your daughter and others from playing in bare soil; removing shoes before entering your home; washing hands after coming in from outside; washing toys that were used outside; and cleaning floors and carpets regularly. If you live in an older home or are concerned about other possible sources of lead, the EPA and California Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program have educational materials available to prevent exposure. EPA's lead poisoning prevention tips are summarized at [www.epa.gov/lead/protect-your-family-exposures-lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead/protect-your-family-exposures-lead). The California Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program's educational materials are available at [www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/CLPPB/Pages/healthinfo-CLPPB.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/CLPPB/Pages/healthinfo-CLPPB.aspx)

Another resource I want to highlight for you is the [Western States Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit \(WSPEHSU\)](#). I mentioned this resource at the end of our workshop last week. The WSPEHSU is a network of health professionals who specialize in pediatric environmental health. The WSPEHSU is available to answer questions from parents and others about how an environmental exposure may affect a child's health. They are available to answer questions about lead exposure and what it means to have an elevated blood lead level. The WSPEHSU's toll-free number is 1-866-827-3478 and their email address is [pehsu@ucsf.edu](mailto:pehsu@ucsf.edu).

I hope the information provided above is helpful in some way. I am still waiting for my colleague to send me information about the community groups that are engaged in the Exide cleanup; I will forward their contact information to you as soon as I receive it.

Thanks again for your patience,

Jackie

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**Subject:** RE: Exide lead - San Diego

Hi Irene,

It was a pleasure meeting you and your adorable daughter last week in San Diego. Thank you very much for reaching out to us. We will work on compiling information and will send you a detailed response very soon.

Thanks again,

Jackie

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**Subject:** Exide lead - San Diego

Good evening Jacquelyn and Mariela,

Hello my name is Irene. I attended the CHSA meeting last week. I attended the Lead, Asthma, and Pesticides workshop on Wednesday. We had a small chat at the end of the workshop about the Exide lead spill. You mentioned that you had some resources that you were able to share with me, I believe it was the contact information on the community group involved with the soil clean up/ community meetings. I also mentioned that when I called the Exide hotline they stated that soil contain 1,000 of lead and over would be cleaned and anything under is was not guaranteed. I also mentioned that the test result were taking a long time. I want to test my soil aside from what is being done. I also explained that my 1 year old baby was tested for lead and she is at a 5. I wanted to get resources, education and support from the Lead prevention program and I was told that she did not qualify because the lead level was not high. I just feel like I'm not getting anywhere. I would really appreciate more information on what is being done and what I can do as a parent and as a resident. Any information will be very appreciated.

Thank you

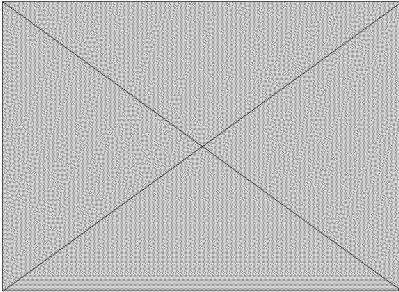
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